

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA**

**April 21, 2026, 5:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
110 East Cook Street  
Santa Maria**

Roll Call: Councilmember Maribel Aguilera, Councilmember Gloria Soto, Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Flores, Mayor Alice Patino

Staff Present: City Manager David W. Rowlands, Assistant City Manager Chuen Wu, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Director of Finance Rebecca Campbell, Director of Community Development Chenin Dow, Chief Human Resources Officer Graciela Reynoso, and Assistant City Clerk Alexandra Valadez

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**CLOSED SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:01 p.m. Mayor Patino called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councilmember Aguilera, Councilmember Batalla, Councilmember Soto, Mayor Pro Tem Flores, and Mayor Patino.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

City Manager David W. Rowlands, City Attorney Thomas Watson, and Assistant City Clerk Alexandra Valadez.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mayor Patino opened public comment, there being none, closed public comment.

**3. RECESS-CLOSED SESSION**

At 5:02 p.m. Mayor Patino recessed to Closed Session.

**3.a Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 - [one case]**

**3.b Conference with Legal Counsel - Significant Exposure to Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) [one case]**

**3.c Conference with Labor Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6**

**3.d Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8**

**4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**5. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**6. REPORT BY THE CITY ATTORNEY FROM CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Watson reported that instructions were provided to the attorneys and City's Labor Negotiator.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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Chief Deputy City Clerk

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Alice M. Patino, Mayor